

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An image forming method comprising the steps of:
forming a latent image on an organic photoreceptor;
developing the latent image by using a two-component developer comprising a toner and a carrier to form a toner image on the photoreceptor;
primarily transferring the toner image on the photoreceptor to an intermediate transferring member;
secondarily transferring the toner image transferred to the intermediate transferring member to a recording material; and
cleaning a toner remained on the organic photoreceptor after transferring the toner image to the intermediate transferring member,
wherein the organic photoreceptor has a creeping modulus of not less than 1% and less than 3.5%, measured by employing a Vickers indenter applying a load of 20 mN, and
the photoreceptor is pressed to contact with the intermediate transferring member at image formation process.
2. (Original) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein a surface energy lowering agent is supplied to a surface of the organic photoreceptor in the step of the developing the latent image.
3. (Currently amended) The image forming method of claim 2, wherein the surface energy lowering agent is a metal salt of fatty acid.
4. (Original) The image forming method of claim 3, wherein the metal salt of fatty acid is zinc stearate.
5. (Original) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the organic photoreceptor has a charge generation layer, a charge transfer layer and a surface layer.

6. (Original) The image forming method of claim 5, wherein the surface layer contains micro particles having a number average particle diameter of not less than 10 nm and less than 100 nm.
7. (Currently amended) The image forming method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, wherein ~~the intermediate transferring member is a belt intermediate transferring member which~~ the belt intermediate transferring member is contacted to the organic photoreceptor by a surface pressure of from 0.1 to 0.5 g/cm² at a time of primary transferring.
8. (Original) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein a cleaning blade used in the cleaning process has a repulsion elasticity of from 40 to 75 which is pressed to the organic photoreceptor for removing the remained toner.
9. (Currently amended) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the intermediate transfer element has a ten-point surface roughness Rz of from 0.4 to 2.0 µm.
10. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus comprising:
 - an organic photoreceptor forming a latent image;
 - a developing member forming a toner image on the photoreceptor;
 - an intermediate transferring member;
 - a primary transferring member transferring the toner image on the photoreceptor to the intermediate transferring member;
 - a second transferring member transferring the transferred toner image on the intermediate transferring member to a recording material; and
 - a cleaning member removing toner particles remained on the organic photoreceptor,wherein the organic photoreceptor has a creeping modulus of not less than 1% and less than 3.5%, measured by employing a Vickers indenter applying a load of 20 mN.

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11. (Withdrawn) The image forming apparatus of claim 10, which further comprises a surface energy lowering agent supplying member supplying a surface energy lowering agent to the surface of the organic photoreceptor.

12. (New) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the carrier is a ferrite particle.

13. (New) The image forming method of claim 12, wherein the carrier is a resin coated carrier or a resin-dispersed carrier

14. (New) The image forming method of claim 13, wherein the carrier is a magnetic particle-dispersed resin carrier.

15. (New) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the intermediate transferring member is a belt.

16. (New) The image forming method of claim 1, wherein the intermediate transferring member is contacted to the organic photoreceptor by a surface pressure of from 0.1 to 0.5 g/cm² at a time of primary transferring.

17. (New) The image forming method of claim 15, wherein the photoreceptor is pressed by intermediate transferring member with a transfer roller.